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SUBJECT: PLO STRATEGY AT 28TH UNGA

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1. WE UNDERSTAND DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN
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TACTICS FOR RAISING PALESTINIAN ISSUE AT UPCOMING

UNGA. REPORT (REFTTEL) THAT 'ARAFAT HAS REQUESTED ARAB LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR ITS INCLUSION AS SEPARATE ITEM ON UNGA AGENDA WOULD INDICATE THAT PLO THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT IS FAIRLY WELL ADVANCED. BASED ON INFO WE HAVE BEEN PICKING UP FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES HERE, WOULD APPEAR THAT 'ARAFAT AND CO. ARE BENT ON GAINING FULL OBSERVER STATUS FOR PLO AT UN HEADQUARTERS AND ON SECURING UNGA RESOLUTION THAT WOULD BUILD ON--BUT GO CONSIDERABLY BEYOND--EARLIER GA RESES (E.G., 3089-D OF 1973) IN DEFINING PALESTINIAN "RIGHTS" AND RECOGNIZING PLO AS SOLE REP OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. IDEA IS THAT NEW RES WOULD ALSO SOMEHOW SERVE AS "AMENDMENT" OF, FURTHER ELABORATION ON, OR EVEN "COUNTER-WEIGHT" TO SC RES 242, USING 1947 GA PARTITION RES AS POINT OF DEPARTURE. WE KNOW THAT 'ARAFAT DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT HERE AUG 15 IN LENGTHY MEETING WITH PLO REP SAADAT HASSAN, PRIOR TO LATTER'S RETURN TO NEW YORK.

2. COMMENT: PLO LEADERSHIP'S DECISION TO PUSH FOR MORE EXPLICIT UNGA RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN "RIGHTS" ALMOST CERTAINLY HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY ADVANCE SOVIET PROMISE OF SUPPORT CONVEYED TO 'ARAFAT DURING HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST MONTH. WE VIEW IT AS ANOTHER ASPECT OF 'ARAFAT'S EFFORTS TO AMASS AS MUCH TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE AS POSSIBLE, THEREBY INCREASING PROSPECTS (HE HOPES) FOR EVENTUAL PLO PARTICIPATION IN ME SETTLEMENT PROCESS.

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